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1. ☐ The amendment filed on 18 April 2007 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.


c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

*The amended claims are require further consideration due to the numerous changes in claims language. The Amendment was not entered for that reason. The Examiner suggests a petition to have the amendment entered or an RCE.*

  
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